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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A stent assembly comprising:

an upstream portion adapted to modify a flow characteristic of embolic material disposed in a blood stream flowing through said upstream portion, said upstream portion having a straight portion with a generally uniform cross-sectional area and a constricting portion downstream of said straight portion having a cross-sectional area smaller than the generally uniform cross-sectional area of said straight portion; and

a downstream portion in fluid communication with said upstream portion and adapted for the blood stream to flow therethrough, said downstream portion comprising a trapping region for trapping therein said embolic material, said downstream portion having a larger cross-sectional area than the generally uniform cross-sectional area of said straight portion, said trapping region being in said larger cross-sectional area.

2. (original) The stent assembly according to claim 1 wherein said downstream portion extends from said upstream portion.

3. (original) The stent assembly according to claim 1 wherein said downstream portion is distanced from said upstream portion.